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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend Claims 4-7 as follows and add Claims 8-20:

4. The functional oral preparation as claimed in claim 1 in the form of a colon cancer preventative.
5. The functional oral preparation as claimed in claim 1 in the form of a mineral absorber.
6. The functional oral preparation as claimed in claim 1 further containing a mineral mix.

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